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In application of:

Stojiljkovic *et al.*

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 29, 2003. Their response will this be due on January 29, 2004.

By the signature of the undersigned, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee. Applicants qualify for small entity status.

If Examiner Hayes believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
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